

- Begin-Sadat meet to iron out last snags
But Begin says peace will be signed today
Agreement on Israel-U.S. memorandum
Ceremony on TV at 9 p.m. Israel time
Hopes for signing in J'lem, Cairo
Sinai pull back starts today
Celebration events in Israel
Subdued atmosphere in Cairo
Strike call in territories, security alert
Arab world planning counter-action

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Still hope for signing in Jerusalem and Cairo

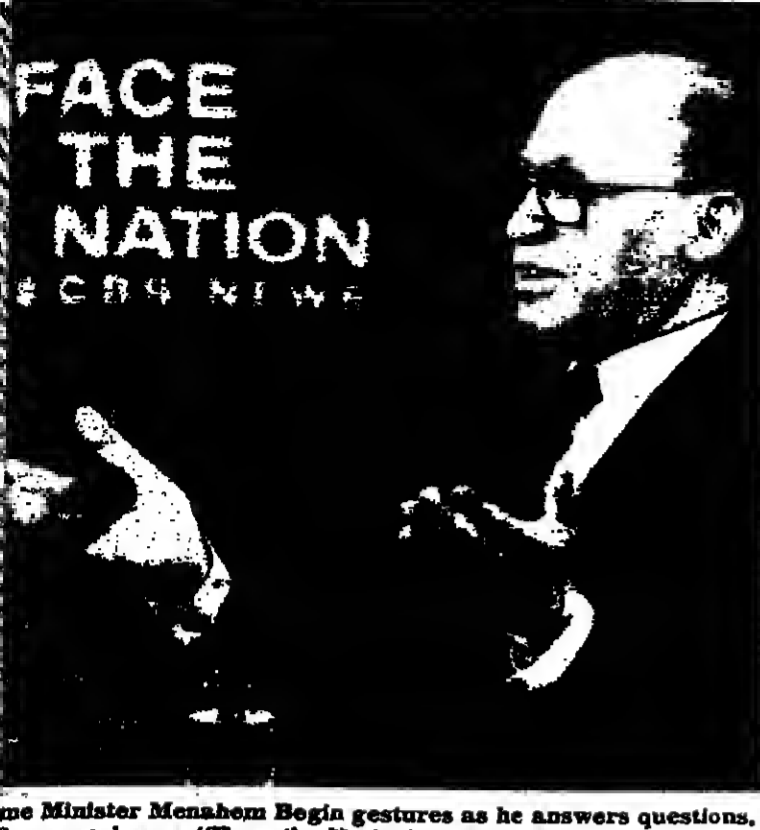
WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Menachem Begin was last night expected to try to persuade President Anwar Sadat to agree to hold additional signing ceremonies in Jerusalem and Cairo.

Begin hedges on settlements

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday repeated his commitment to Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria, but stopped short of saying that new ones would be established during the coming period.

Sinai oil issues last obstacle to full accord

WASHINGTON — On the eve of today's historic signing at the White House of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat were meeting last night for a private talk to dispose of final issues.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin gestures as he answers questions. He is appearing on "Face the Nation" TV show yesterday.

Husseini to Syria, Iraq plan anti-treaty moves

By ANAN SAFADI Post Middle East Affairs Editor The restraining influence of Saudi Arabia, the Saudis, despite their clear reservations about the treaty, are cautious about jeopardizing their ties, as well as those of Jordan, with the U.S.

Army pullback begins today

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent The army will begin its pullback from Sinai only after the peace treaty is signed, defence sources said yesterday.

Sadat greeted by Mondale on arrival

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — A smiling Egyptian President Anwar Sadat arrived here late on Saturday for today's signing of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty, and heard himself described by U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale as "America's hero of peace."

Begin arrives in Washington

By MALKA RABINOWITZ Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON — In drizzling rain, Prime Minister Menachem Begin arrived at nearby Andrews Air Force Base last night, once again expressing hope that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will agree to hold additional signing ceremonies in Cairo and Jerusalem.

Arabs in areas strike today to protest treaty

By IAN BLACK and DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporters Hundreds of thousands of Arabs in administered territories were expected to stay away from work today to protest against the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in Washington.

Week's peace revels begin

By ASHER WALLFISH and JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporters As Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat sit at an antique table in the White House and sign their historic peace treaty, Israelis will watch over their shoulders via TV broadcast across the globe by satellite.

Cabinet firm on Sinai oil deadline

Jerusalem Post Reporter The cabinet decided yesterday that Israel has no obligation to withdraw from the Sinai oil fields before the end of the first nine-month withdrawal phase in the peninsula.

Communications strike worse, doctors protest phone failure

By AARON SITTNER Jerusalem Post Reporter Striking workers at the Communications Ministry's engineering division yesterday rejected appeals from their minister, Yitzhak Mordechai, and Housing and Construction Minister David Levy, that they call off their work stoppage, at least temporarily.

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Ehrlich: U.S. aid grant to be increased

By ALTER WILNER Rim Correspondent ABOARD IAF 001 — Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich yesterday told fellow-ministers and other members of the Israel delegation bound for New York and then Washington for the peace treaty ceremony that the U.S. aid grant to Israel will be increased.

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	MIN	MAX	
	°C	°F	
AMSTERDAM	1	7	Drizzle
BIRMINGHAM	0	10	Rain
BUENOS AIRES	1	12	Clear
CHICAGO	2	10	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	0	10	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	0	11	Clear
GENEVA	1	9	Rain
HELSINKI	1	11	Clear
HONG KONG	2	11	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	10	18	Clear
LONDON	0	10	Cloudy
MADRID	10	18	Clear
MONTREAL	1	10	Clear
NEW YORK	1	11	Clear
OSLO	0	7	Cloudy
PARIS	1	11	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	28	Rain
SANTO DOMINGO	18	25	Rain
STOCKHOLM	1	10	Clear
TOKYO	1	11	Clear
TORONTO	0	10	Clear
VALPARAISO	2	13	Clear
WILMINGTON	1	11	Clear
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**THE WEATHER**

Forecast: Cloudy with scattered showers and occasional thunderstorms.

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem 67	10-15	12
Golan 62	8-16	18
Nahariya 68	10-21	18
Safed 64	10-21	18
Haifa Port 68	10-20	18
Tiberias 68	10-24	22
Nazareth 47	-17	15
Afula 48	12-21	15
Shomron 61	10-15	15
Tel Aviv 69	14-20	18
B-G Airport 56	13-21	18
Jericho 40	12-26	22
Gaza 49	13-19	18
BeerSheva 40	11-20	20
Eilat 14	14-27	26
Tiran Straits 27	19-27	28

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

Amillo Recoder and Manolo Gonzalez, legal advisers and senior officials of the Spanish parliament, the Cortes, have spent the last week studying the operation of Israel's Knesset. They met with Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir, members of the Knesset House Committee and senior Knesset officials.

Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir yesterday hosted Professor Ganhua, a member of the Portuguese parliament.

The annual meeting of the Consular Corps of Israel was held last week at the Ramat Aviv Hotel, Tel Aviv. Jacob Stron, Honorary Consul General of Thailand, was re-elected to another three-year term as dean of the consular corps. Appointed to the Consular Corps Committee were Max Alan, honorary consul of Guatemala, Joseph Ben-Zvi, honorary consul general of Malta, Emmanuel Racine, honorary consul of Madagascar, Bruno Servadio, honorary consul-general of San Marino, and Wolfgang Lazarus, honorary consul of the Ivory Coast. Fritz Nachts, honorary consul-general of Iceland, was elected honorary dean for life.

Counselor Rita Levy, mayor-elect of the London borough of Barnet, twin city of Ramat Gan, visited Bar Ilan University yesterday together with her husband.

Professor Ernest Krausz of Bar Ilan University has been appointed to the Council of Higher Education, representing the social sciences. He will also edit the new journal of the Israeli Sociological Association, which will be published in English in the U.S.

The Sharon Rotary Club will hold its special monthly meeting for the diplomatic community on Wednesday, March 28, 1979 at 8 p.m. at the Sharon Hotel in Herzliya.

**ARRIVALS**

Oliver Dixon, parliamentary commissioner for administrative investigations, Western Australia; Aine Paquet, Ombudsman of France, and secretary-general Feik of the ombudsman's office; and Justice Motti Tikaram, Ombudsman of Fiji, for the meetings of the International Ombudsman Steering Committee in Jerusalem.

Eliaser Shmuel, director general of the Ministry of Education and Culture, from a visit to the U.S.

Ursula Mayer-Reinach, after concerts and broadcasts in Switzerland, West Germany, and France and a visit at Chartres Cathedral. (Continued)

**HOME NEWS**

**Memorandum lists U.S. stand on treaty breaches**

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The key element in the memorandum of understanding negotiated and finalized between Israel and the U.S. is meant to set Israel's mind at rest about the American position in the event of Egypt violating the peace agreement by military action. While no American military action is envisaged if Egypt were to attack Israel, the memorandum of understanding includes a range of measures which Washington is committed to take, to show the combatants which side it is on where moral and material assistance is concerned, and to constitute a deterrent.

The memorandum was considered "satisfactory" in Jerusalem yesterday, even though it did not spell out these American "measures" to the last jot and tittle. The final draft of the memorandum was not available in writing yesterday when the rump cabinet convened with its nine ministers for a seven-hour session.

Accordingly, as Jerusalem understands it, the American assurances with regard to non-recognition of the PLO have not changed since its 1976 assurance. The U.S. said then that it would not recognize the PLO till the PLO accepted UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and recognized the existence of the state of Israel.

"There is no deterioration in the American commitment to Israel about the PLO," an authoritative source assured *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The memorandum does not refer to Jerusalem. It is understood. It also does not include the American promise to guarantee Israel's oil supplies for 15 years if Israel should not be able to purchase Sinal oil. "The 15-year oil promise will be given to us separately, it seems," *The Post* was told.

At yesterday's cabinet session, which was lively and animated despite the absence of the Ministerial Security Committee with

Begin in the U.S., the Ministers twice asked Acting Premier Zevulun Hammer to phone Begin for more details of the last round of conversations on the eve of the signing. Hammer reported that Begin had described the text of the memorandum of understanding as completed, and had pronounced himself "satisfied with it." The cabinet consensus was that everything with the memorandum appeared in order and no cabinet vote of approval was required.

The director-general of the Foreign Ministry, Yosef Clechanover, who also briefed the ministers mentioned that the issue of withdrawal from the Sinal oil fields was still not settled, and that the U.S. was urging Israel to make a concession in this respect. He also mentioned the other unilateral gestures which the U.S. was pressing Israel to make towards Egypt.

Cabinet ministers criticized the idea of shifting the military headquarters out of the Gaza Strip to a place like BeerSheva. Concerning American pressure to see terrorists set free from Israeli prisons, some ministers pointed out that there was a difference between releasing Fatah men to virtual hushaband in Damascus or Beirut, and freeing them on the West Bank, where they would play an active role in PLO incitement against autonomy.

This ministers learned that some tentative lists had been drawn up of prisoners who might be released without grave repercussions on security in the areas. However, the consensus was that Israel was not obliged to set any terrorists free, and not obliged to reduce its security profile in the Gaza Strip by shifting the headquarters.

The consensus with regard to almost all the requested gestures towards Egypt was negative, but the nine ministers agreed that the Ministerial Committee on Security, whose members are now in Washington, should have a free hand to settle the matter of gestures.



Acting Prime Minister Zevulun Hammer (fourth from left) chairs yesterday's cabinet session with only nine ministers present. The rest are in the U.S. for today's treaty signing ceremonies. (Elharar-Zoom 77)

**Hebrew boom in Egypt as peace breaks out**

CAIRO (AP) — University students, camel drivers and Nile boatman are busily studying Hebrew now that the peace treaty with Israel is being signed.

"We'll be the first to be sent to Israel by the government when the borders open up," predicted Omayma Hassan, a 22-year-old language student at Cairo University's Hebrew studies school. "I want to see and talk to real Israelis rather than read Hebrew in a textbook."

For Miss Hassan and the 300 other students at Hebrew language schools in Cairo and Ain Shams Universities, the signing of today's peace treaty is an incentive to study harder and a potential job opportunity.

"The treaty is very good," Hassan said. "It means there will be a market for us."

She said many of her friends have already approached her with questions about Hebrew, and to learn how to say "good morning," and other basic phrases.

Abdel Karim Mohammed Ahmed, a rugged-looking 49-year-old Nile boatman, said that with the signing of the treaty, "I guess it is time I tried to brush up my Hebrew." He makes a living ferrying tourists across the Nile in his sail boat. Over the years, he has picked up a command of English, Greek, German, Italian and French.

"When I see the first-Israeli, I shall ask him to teach me a few common phrases in Hebrew, such as, 'How are you?' and 'Did you have a nice ride?'"

Mohammed Hassan, who rents his camels to tourists at the pyramids in Giza, said he had been learning Hebrew phrases for visiting American Jews and the few Israelis granted visas before the signing.

"It's good for business," he said.

Hebrew phrasebooks have appeared in some stores and Hebrew-Arabic dictionaries were on sale at a recent Cairo book fair.

Dr. Mohamed Bahr, dean of the institute of Hebrew studies at Ain Shams University, said that the

**Communications**

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event. (See story — page 3).

Meanwhile, another group of employees in the Communications Ministry has joined the strike — the garage and vehicle maintenance workers. This means that mail deliveries, already hobbled by the week-old sanctions of 4,200 postal service workers, will be hit even harder beginning this morning. The postal employees will meet in Tel Aviv tomorrow to decide whether to join the strike.

Because of sanctions that are closing post offices at 2 p.m., the postal peace stamp that goes on sale today will be sold only until the post offices close, though the public will be able to buy the stamp and commemorative envelope later, as long as stocks last.

The state attorney's office yesterday asked the Jerusalem Labour court to permit the ministry to dock half the March salaries of postal services employees involved in the sanctions. The court was also asked to rule the partial strike an action that does not enjoy the protection of the law. In presenting this request, it was stressed that the demands of the postal workers do not accord with the government's wages policy and with the wage agreements already signed, and that thus it had not received Histadrut authorization.

The strike by the engineering division workers is for more money. Their sudden action has reportedly surprised the Ministry since Minister Yitzhak Modai hinted last week that he sympathizes with their demands and may ask the Civil Service Commission and Treasury to consider them favourably.

The workers' argument now is that if the ministry cannot raise their wages, then the telecommunications services should be detached from and transformed into a private semi-public corporation.

**Week's revels**

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tions of the Education Ministry Minister Zevulun Hammer will deliver an address to the school over educational television.

The country's Druze community is also planning a Peace Treaty celebration for thousands. One of the possibilities that have been raised by Druze leaders and the Religious Affairs Ministry is the holding of a prayer service for peace on April 5, along with the traditional Druze festivities at the tomb of Jifron Tiberias.

Starting at 9 a.m. today, Golan Zahal will air a special broadcast with greetings from artists, musicians and other personalities abroad. They will include Leonard Bernstein, Yehudi Menuhin, Roberto Flack and Leonard Sern. The continuous broadcast will also include interviews with those who took part in wars between Israel and Egypt.

Prof. Ramat said that he was "informed about the people's faith in peace negotiations," followed by the coverage of the signing ceremony from Washington.

The Jerusalem Plaza Hotel has invited its guests and staff, as well as all tourists staying in the capital, to attend a peace party in the plaza beside the hotel entrance tomorrow, 8.30 p.m. The entertainment will include Arab musicians, an Israeli folkdance troupe and a belly dance. White doves will be set free as a symbol of peace.

Celebrations will also take place on a scale of Thursday, when the cabinet returns from the U.S.

(As Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor's inter-ministerial committee have planned, these events somebody pointed out that the last time doves were released by night, at a Hapool ceremony, they failed to make it home to their coops. The experts assured the committee that it was not the dark which made the birds lose their sense of direction; they were dazzled by searchlights and fell to the ground. Instead, the IDF unit in charge of lighting Thursday evening's ceremony to make sure the birds won't get caught in the blinding glare.)

**Cabinet promises firmness on territories' disturbances**

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cabinet yesterday decided that the security authorities would take a firm hand in the administered areas and East Jerusalem in the event of more disturbances and business strikes this week to protest the signing of the peace treaty.

Acting Premier Zevulun Hammer told a reporter after the session, "We intend to see that law and order are fully maintained. We intend to put down demonstrations. I hope there will be no trouble in the areas in the wake of the measures we have decided on."

The cabinet heard a report on the recent wave of disturbances from Police Inspector General Ravitzkin Halm Tal, from O/C Central Command Aluf Moshe Levi, and from other security figures.

The cabinet was told that ultra-nationalist and extremist Jewish elements were likely to make the

**Begin confident**

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Resolution 242 and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

Going further, the foreign minister disclosed that the new agreement would also reaffirm all of America's other earlier commitments to Israel in the 1975 memorandum as well as other documents.

Only those commitments overtaken by events — such as the peace treaty with Egypt — would not remain in effect, Dayan said. "Everything relevant still stands."

Unlike Begin, the foreign minister was willing yesterday to spell out in considerable detail the specifics of the unresolved oil issues. Both Begin and Dayan said that only "one issue" remained unresolved, but clearly there were two crucial aspects — the timing of the withdrawal and Egyptian willingness to sell oil to Israel.

As outlined by Dayan, the problem involves more. He explained that the earlier-agreed compromise on the timing of the exchange of ambassadors between Israel and Egypt (nine months after the signing) was linked to an Israeli-Egyptian agreement on the so-called "sub-phasing" of the withdrawal.

The Egyptians are insisting that they will not exchange envoys at that time unless Israel agrees to an early withdrawal — after six months — from the oilfields. Israel is standing firm in wanting to withdraw after nine months.

This problem, which most observers believed had been resolved during U.S. President Jimmy Carter's visit to Cairo and Jerusalem, has apparently arisen because of a fundamental "misunderstanding" between the parties, according to informed diplomatic sources.

Israel had assumed that the Carter compromise linking the ambassadorial exchange with the timing of the withdrawal involved only an accelerated (after three months) withdrawal from El-Arish. But the Egyptians, and apparently the Americans as well, assumed that Israel was also willing to speed up its pullback from the oilfields.

Further complicating this problem, the source said, was the fact that the Israeli cabinet last week had specifically voted to withdraw from the oilfields after nine months. Consequently, there is little flexibility in the Israeli stance, barring another cabinet meeting and a shift in policy. Such a meeting, involving

**Arab strike**

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a review of recent events in the West Bank and East Jerusalem from the coordinator of activities in the territories, Aluf Danny Matt; O/C Central Command Aluf Moshe Levi, and Police Inspector-General Halm Tavori.

Security forces are expected to maintain a high profile throughout the territories today — or for as long as required. Police yesterday established a forward command post inside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem to deal with any violence that might arise.

Although there were indications yesterday that the strike would also embrace the Gaza Strip, informed sources did not expect any serious trouble.

Leaders of five Druze villages on the Golan Heights have returned from submitting on the peace treaty. Even leaders of local councils known for their support for Israel, who have in the past demanded Israeli identity cards, would not comment on the subject yesterday.

Observers feel that their reaction is due in part to the news of the sudden visit to Damascus by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko as well as general uncertainty regarding their future if and when Syria joins the peace negotiations.

**Gush cancels today's settlement plans**

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gush Emunim yesterday acceded to a request by Acting Prime Minister Zevulun Hammer and postponed plans to lay cornerstones for nine settlements in the West Bank today.

The ceremonies, which were to coincide with the signing of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, were postponed until Passah week. Moshe Merhavia of the movement's leadership told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Officially, the Gush said it postponed its plan because the military government refused approval. Last week the movement had asked for permission and protection. The authorities yesterday said the West Bank was too tense.

But in behind-the-scenes negotiations, Hammer and aides advised Gush Emunim not to cause a rift in the National Religious Party while it was preparing to fight for its autonomy plan. If the Gush had carried out its plan, Hammer would have had to decide whether to take action against them and alienate his power base in the NRP which supports the Gush. If he allowed the movement to flout a military government ban, he would invite criticism for being lenient with them because of personal views and party considerations.

Hammer's dilemma was reflected yesterday in ambiguous statements he made to the radio about the Gush plans. "I don't think there will be any special advantage to (the ceremonies)," he said. If the Gush goes ahead with them, "we will have to handle it as we see fit. I can't elaborate," he added.

**Business rents to jump by 240-600% in next 4 years**

By SHLOMO MAOZ  
Post Economic Reporter

Rent prices for key-money businesses will go up from 240-600 per cent during the next four years, beginning in April. The rate of increase will depend on the location and type of business, according to yesterday's decision, made at the suggestion of Minister of Construction and Housing David Levy and with the Treasury's blessings.

Those who made key-money agreements during the last eight years will be entitled to a 25 per cent discount on the price rise, thus paying 75 per cent of whatever price hikes are effective for their business category. A businessman who has invested in building improvements will be entitled to the same discount.

The cabinet decision provides for the rent hikes to be fixed according to three basic categories. The larger cities will have the maximum hike, with grocery stores facing a 320 per cent jump in the next four years, small businesses (as defined by VAT regulations) a 440 per cent rise, and

**Cohen appointed T.A. District Court head**

TEL AVIV (Itim) — Judge Binyamin Cohen, senior relieving president of the Tel Aviv District Court, has been appointed president of the court by Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir.

Cohen replaces outgoing president Judge Mordechai (Max) Kennet, who is retiring after 42 years on the bench. Kennet became a magistrate in 1937 and was later promoted to the district court. He has been president of the Tel Aviv District Court since 1977. Cohen was made a district court judge in 1950 and became a relieving president in 1967.

**Restaurant blast**

A grenade was thrown at the entrance of the Dolphin Fish restaurant in East Jerusalem last night, from the garden of the nearby Rockefeller Museum.

No-one was injured, but the restaurant's windows were shattered and damage was caused to cars parked outside. There were about 60 guests inside the restaurant at the time.

**Business rents to jump by 240-600% in next 4 years**

remaining firms a 600 per cent hike. Smaller towns will have rise of 280 per cent for grocery stores, 400 per cent for small businesses and 500 per cent for all remaining concerns.

The government also decided to raise by 0.3 per cent the rate of *mas homokbil*, effective in April, thus making it 3.55 per cent of employees' wages. *Mas homokbil* is paid through the National Insurance Institute to the sick funds, and the increase will bring another IL420m. annually into the sick fund's coffers.

**The Movement of M'sorati Judaism in Israel**

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State Attorney rules work contract illegal
NII directors resign en masse

By SELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter
The entire top administration of the National Insurance Institute (NII) submitted its resignation to Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz yesterday, following a ruling by State Attorney Gavriel Bach that the contract recently signed with the institute's workers was illegal.

ment that Bach had not ruled on the amount of deviation from other civil servants' contracts. That was the central question to be answered, the minister said, since it had led to the dispute.

The Civil Service Commission had asserted that the NII contract was 40 per cent above the framework agreement, and institute directors said that the deviation was only nine per cent.

Campaign launched to reduce auto-pedestrian accidents

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — One out of every two accidents in Israel is a pedestrian. The National Council for the Prevention of Accidents is embarking on a major drive in the country's three largest cities to increase pedestrian awareness of the hazards of negligence and of the steps which can be taken to prevent accidents.

been enlisted to assist in the drive, entitled "Walk in Peace."
The campaign will include the following measures:
- Information programmes through the media, schools and other public institutions
- Re-marking pedestrian crossings, checking traffic lights and eliminating obstacles from sidewalks

Radical speeches but no rioting seen for Land Day

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Rabbah-backed demonstrators said yesterday that there may be radical speeches at a special rally but that the crowds are not likely to riot. The Committees for the Defense of Arab Lands, Mohamed al-Hajri, told a press conference that he expected many people to be expected to speak at the Friday afternoon demonstration in Deir Hanna, Kfar Yehoshua, Kana, Taibe and Tel Sheva. But the interviewee said he would not expect any speeches before delivery nor could they guarantee that only calls for peace would be heard.

In a press release yesterday, the committee said that if the government seeks peace with the Arab countries it must first make peace with its own Arab population and "stop national repression and discrimination... including land expropriation and demolition of houses."
The committee said it would appeal to President Yitzhak Navon, the cabinet and the UN. But "if these measures will not assure the Arab citizens rights... (we) will not hesitate to... strike and demonstrate."
Four teenagers from the village of Araba, were arrested on Saturday night on suspicion of blocking the approach road to kibbutz Lotem and then stoning the car of a kibbutz member who attempted to clear the road.

Threats to MK were Mizrahi's visiting card, defence says

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Aluf (res.) Ze'evi threatened and tried to intimidate MK Ezer Olmert after the latter made public allegations about him. "Ha'aretz" defence counsel Shlomo Liebleich told the District Court here yesterday.
Liebleich was continuing to sum up his defence case in the Eliazon libel suit brought by Mizrahi against Ze'evi for linking him with organized crime in a series of articles by crime reporter Avi Valentin.

You'd be surprised what ideas the boys brought up, that I had to disprove them from."
When Olmert asked Mizrahi during the meeting if he had anything to say, Liebleich told the court, Mizrahi answered: "He (Ze'evi) said more or less everything I think."
During the rest of yesterday's session Liebleich dealt with incidents involving Rahamim Aharoni and Tuvis Oshri, whose names have come up repeatedly during the trial as alleged associates of Mizrahi, also, according to the defence, as participants in criminal activities.
Liebleich introduced the diamond theft from the Birhach diamond cutting works in 1969, in which he said Oshri had played a part. Judge Shlomit Wallenstein interjected: "Heavy suspicion attached to Oshri at the time, but you will have to convince me that it was more than mere suspicion. And even if I do reach that conclusion — and I don't know how — what does that say about Mizrahi's connection?"

Another notorious incident brought up by Liebleich was Aharoni's throwing a plastic bag containing DM 200,000 out of the window of the flat of Pinhas Goldstein in Tel Aviv's Kikar Mahalot Yisrael. Goldstein, Liebleich said, had been connected with drug deals in the past. The bag was thrown out of the window when police raided the flat. Oshri, who was accompanying Aharoni, was outside. The money was retrieved by policemen but was returned to Aharoni when he advanced two different stories purporting to show that the money was his. Liebleich asked the court to disregard those stories and to accept that the purpose of the visit to Goldstein's flat was to conclude a drug deal, for which the money was to be used.

When one of Mizrahi's counsel, Gavriel Cohen, asked that the defence prove the connection between the incidents described and his client, Judge Wallenstein responded: "He (Liebleich) talked of such a connection. The question is whether he has convinced me."

give raises to most of them above and beyond the framework agreement with civil servants.
Bach also criticized the clauses concerning vehicle expense reimbursement to all NII workers above a certain grade, which would give them more favourable conditions than other civil servants. Similar arguments were voiced against the contract's granting of overtime pay without detailed reporting, clothing and telephone allowances higher than those of other workers, high school and university tuition grants, kindergarten payments, holiday bonuses and availability of a two-month advance.

Book by Britons anti-Semitic — expert witness

Jerusalem Post Staff, Itim
A book by two British pro-Arab propagandists, former Labour navy minister Christopher Mayhew and journalist Michael Adams, is imbued with a blatant anti-Semitic bias, the Jerusalem District Court heard yesterday.
The writer of the book, "Publish it Not," published by Longmans in 1978, is suing the afternoon paper "Ma'ariv" for IL500,000 because they allege that the paper called them anti-Semitic in an article on the book.

Defence witness Dina Porat, a doctoral student in Jewish studies at Tel Aviv University and an expert on the phenomenology of anti-Semitism, told the court that the book "expressed anti-Semitic ideas found in the classic documents of anti-Semitism, though in a more restrained, subtle and elegant form, in a finely-honed Anglo-Saxon style."
Notions expressed clearly and frequently in the book such as the supposedly questionable loyalty of Jews to countries in which they lived, and the "international Jewish conspiracy," were also found in Hitler's "Mein Kampf," the works of the Nazi wartime propagandist minister Goebbels and the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," Porat said.

Counsel for Mayhew and Adams, Aharon Barkai, asked the court's permission to introduce fresh witness evidence to counter Porat's evidence. Judge Yitzhak Bazak granted the application, and the trial will continue in early May.

Bomb blasts Or Akiva chairman's car in TA

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Police arrested four suspects late on Saturday night after a bomb exploded in the car of the Or Akiva local council chairman, Yitzhak Boehovza.
Boehovza, his driver, and the wives of the two men, had parked their car in a garage at Tel Aviv's Kikar Namir while they ate in a nearby restaurant. At 11 o'clock, when they returned to the car, a blast wrecked the engine as the driver started it. He was treated for light injuries at Ichilov hospital. The three others, standing some distance away, were unharmed. The force of the explosion, probably caused by a grenade, blew the engine's bonnet 15 metres up to the roof of the garage.
Boehovza told police he thought the bomb was intended to revenge the imprisonment last week of an Or Akiva resident jailed for creating a disturbance in Boehovza's office after being refused a license to open a business.

Yamit settler cables plea to Anwar Sadat

YAMIT (Itim). — Avi Farhan, chairman of the Yamit citizens committee, yesterday sent a telegram to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in which he asked that Yamit settlers be permitted to remain in their homes.
In his telegram, Farhan said: "I turn to you as a Yamit resident and ask that as a gesture toward true peace you agree to leave Yamit's residents in their places to prevent their uprooting." The telegram was sent to Sadat in Washington, where he is currently attending peace treaty signing ceremonies.
Farhan also sent a telegram to Premier Menahem Begin, in which he asked that the prime minister request Sadat to let them stay. A third telegram was sent to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, informing him of the content of the two messages.

Rotarians to mark Jerusalem jubilee

Rotarians from all countries of the free world will converge on Jerusalem during the next few weeks to mark the 50th anniversary of the first Jerusalem Rotary Club. The club, veteran among Israel's 40 clubs, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cairo in 1929, and its official bell still bears Cairo's dedicatory inscription.
The events open on Thursday with a jubilee ball at the King David Hotel.
In the course of its 50-year history, the Jerusalem Rotary Club counted among its members some of the capital's most prominent citizens, including officials of the mandatory and Israeli governments.



Dressed in workout pants and T-shirts instead of their colourful costumes, members of the Shalom 79 dance troupe rehearse for the Eurovision Song Contest on the stage at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'ooza. (Zoom 77)

Popular song event pre-empts opera

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Conceding defeat to popular culture, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra cancelled its performance of "Tosca" scheduled for Saturday night after realizing that most opera lovers would probably sit home and watch the Eurovision Song Contest on TV.
Having first thought of putting on the performance earlier in the evening, the IPO decided in the end to postpone it to the following Wednesday, so that concertgoers would not have to race home in the middle of the opera to watch the contest start at 10 p.m.

Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'ooza, which has been sealed to outsiders and is being turned into a giant TV studio for the international event, is now flooded in lights. Large projectors have been turned on the buildings exterior — for nighttime beauty but mainly to ensure security.
A metal detector was installed at the entrance yesterday to make sure that all who pass between the doors will be carrying nothing more harmful than their tickets. Pinex hall on the street level has been converted into a press centre for the many journalists expected to cover the event.
A bar, dozens of lounge chairs on plush carpeting, typewriters, 13 colour TV sets donated by their manufacturers, informational pamphlets, a meat and a vegetarian cafeteria catered by the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel are already on hand for the journalists. The only essentials still wanting are the most important — telephones and telex machines.
Because of the Communications

Ministry engineers' sanctions, the row of tables reserved for journalists lack the necessary communications equipment.
The imitation-leather shoulder bags emblazoned with the Eurovision's official emblem, which will be distributed among the hundreds of foreign performers and delegates, have been packed with an explanatory letter. "As you might have heard already, there is a labour dispute" in the postal, telephone and telegraphic services. It notes apologetically. Journalists are advised to file their stories from their hotels. Only three public phones are working in Binyanei Ha'ooza.
Rehearsals — with costumes but without makeup — will be held from 10 a.m. today until 9 p.m. for 10 of the 19 participating countries.

Habad rebbe blasts peace agreement

KPAR HABAD. — If Israel stands firm through the final hours before the peace treaty signing, there is hope that it will not have to return the territories, their oil and other things surrendered in the "paper agreement," the Lubavitcher Rebbe said on Saturday night.
In a statement sent from his Brooklyn, New York, headquarters to Habad centres all over the world, Rabbi Menahem Mendel Schneerson warned against the grave error of agreeing to return the oil wells vital to Israel and the territories crucial

for its existence and security.
Past experience proves, the rebbe said, that when Israel's representatives have stood firm and rejected all pressure concerning old Jerusalem and the status of Judaea and Samaria, they succeeded in repelling all such demands.
Schneerson expressed bitterness at the fact that Israel had made concession after concession throughout the negotiations. The only Egyptian concession, he said, was willingness to sign the paper, which wasn't worth a thing anyway.

400 demonstrate for social peace

About 400 demonstrators from the "Neighbourhood Front for Social Struggle" yesterday afternoon demanded that the government devote as much effort to social peace inside the country as to achieving peace with Egypt. Piacards denounced recent price increases.
Many members of the Black Panthers were visible among the crowd, which gathered in front of the Hamaabhir department store on King George Street in Jerusalem. (Itim)

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IL2.2b. budget passed for J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Jerusalem city council yesterday approved a 1979-80 municipal budget of IL2.2b. compared to IL1.5b. last year.
Mayor Teddy Kollek, who submitted the budget, said that if the money spent on developing Yamit in the Rafiah area — which must be dismantled under the peace agreement — had been spent on strengthening Jerusalem, the capital would today have 50,000 additional residents.
He added that Jerusalem is in for many difficult months in the near future, as tough negotiations over autonomy in Judaea and Samaria take place.
The mayor also protested against a government proposal to freeze public building around the country, apart from 26 localities. Jerusalem, he noted, was not among the exemptions.

Tax collection lax in Nazareth

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH. — The municipality here only managed to collect some 10 per cent of the city taxes and water rates due during the past fiscal year, according to an interior Ministry report issued yesterday.
The report says that while IL1.65m. was collected, over IL10.6m. was still outstanding from public institutions, businesses and private citizens.
Northern district representative Yizrael Koenig described the collection of rates in Nazareth as low in comparison with other Galilee municipalities.
The municipality is so short of cash that its 450 employees have been without salaries for the past two months. Since last week, teachers at the 1,000-pupil high school have invoked sanctions in protest.
NO SMOKING. — A stop smoking course, involving weekly three-hour sessions for two months, will begin at the Tel Aviv youth centre in Bikursi Ha'itim this week, sponsored by Consumer Shisid.

THIS IS THE DAY
Today the Prime Minister of Israel, Menahem Begin, will sign the peace treaty with Egypt.
After 30 years of hostility and animosity, after five bloody wars, the historical change has come about:
No more war with the largest and strongest of the Arab states.
No more bloodshed.
Peaceful relations will be established.
Prior to the elections to the Ninth Knesset the Likud promised in its platform:
"A true peace — as our central goal.
The Likud government will make the attainment of peace its prime concern, and will spare no effort to advance the cause of peace. The Likud will be an honourable partner in the peace negotiations with our neighbours, in the manner accepted among the nations.
"The Likud government will take all necessary steps to avert another war. Its firm stand will deter aggressors and prevent hostile activity.
"It has become clear to all that the pretensions and assurances by the Alignment that it would bring about peace, and its slander of the Likud as a "war party," are utterly baseless. Its misleading propaganda will no longer be of avail. The declared policy of the Labour-Mapam Alignment is totally incapable of bringing about peace. A strong Likud government will be credible in the eyes of all concerned, and has the most realistic chance to bring about peace.
"The peace initiatives to be undertaken by the Likud government will be of a positive nature. Israel will invite its neighbours to conduct direct negotiations, either by direct contacts or through the offices of a friendly power, in order to sign a treaty of peace between them, with no pre-conditions by any side, and without a solution devised by outsiders. During the negotiations each side will be free to make proposals as it deems fit. With the signing of the peace treaty, there will be an end to the state of war, borders will be agreed upon, and normal political, diplomatic and economic relations, based on mutuality, will be established.
"During the negotiations with Egypt and Syria, aimed at a peace treaty, the Likud government will strive for an agreement which will take into consideration the interests and needs of the parties to the treaty."

Only 20 months have passed since the people placed the nation's leadership in the hands of the Likud, and empowered Menahem Begin to set up a new government, and now peace has become a fact.
It is no mere coincidence that we have arrived at this day. Immediately after the formation of the government the Prime Minister embarked upon his peace initiative.
After confidential diplomatic activity, President Sadat made his visit to Jerusalem. The direct negotiations between Israel and Egypt had begun.
These negotiations lasted for 16 months, and have been crowned by an agreement between the two nations.
Only 20 months after the elections.
Only 800 days have passed since the Likud's victory. And what had seemed only a dream has become a reality — the unbelievable has happened.
Thus have we fulfilled our promise:
To bring peace to Israel
Now, with the signing of the peace treaty, the time has come to intensify our efforts to improve social and economic conditions in Israel. Backed by your trust, we shall continue to carry out our promises. With your help we will succeed.
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# Khomeini denounces Israel-Egypt treaty

TEHERAN. — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, architect of Iran's revolution, in a major foreign policy statement yesterday denounced the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

The peace pact, he said, "increases the dangers that have always been posed by Israel in the region."

As thousands of Tehran citizens converged on the Egyptian Embassy in protest, Khomeini said that by agreeing to the pact, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt "has made his connection to the U.S. imperialist government more obvious."

He concluded by offering Iran's support for the "political position of those countries that oppose the treaty," which he said is against the interests of the Moslem world.

Shortly after Khomeini's supporters overthrew the shah, Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat flew into Iran. He was received by Khomeini, who turned over the former Israeli embassy to the P.L.O.

Earlier, about 150 persons demonstrated peacefully outside the Egyptian embassy to protest against the treaty. Posters stuck on the wall declared "death to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Sadat and (Prime Minister Menahem) Begin, traitors to the Arabs." Most of the women demonstrators wore the traditional Islamic black veil.

Meanwhile, religious and government leaders yesterday announced a seven-point plan to give more self-rule to the country's minority Kurds, who staged a bloody three-day uprising last week in the western town of Sanandaj.

The plan, broadcast on radio, promised the Kurds a say in the drawing up of a new Iranian constitution, freedom to continue their own culture, language and dress and participation in decisions concerning Iran as a whole.

The radio said the plan had been accepted by Kurdish leaders after four days of negotiations. There was some doubt whether it would be accepted by all the Kurds, who are split into various factions ranging from Islamic to leftist, with a few radical separatists.

In another development, a leading Iranian political commentator, who has been fiercely critical of the new government, said yesterday he had escaped three apparent assassination attempts.

Fariborz Atapour, at a press conference during which he called for the resignation of the provisional government and warned of the danger of a civil war, said he had been nearly hit by bullets on three separate nights as he was entering his home. (Reuter, AP).

# Mulder implicates Vorster in 'slush fund' scandal

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter). — Disgraced former cabinet minister Connie Mulder yesterday broke silence on South Africa's "slush funds" scandal, implicating President and former premier John Vorster and Finance Minister Owen Horwood.

The main point in Mulder's statement was an allegation that Vorster and Senator Horwood both knew of the government's secret funding of the pro-government newspaper "The Citizen," long before they have admitted they did.

Mulder said yesterday that he and Vorster had discussed "The Citizen" as far back as December 1976, when they decided to change its format from broadsheet to tabloid. There was no immediate reaction from Vorster to Mulder's statement.

"The Citizen" project, code-named "Anemarie," is central to the scandal which has become known as "Muldergate." Mulder was information minister at the time his department was spending and

some cases misappropriating millions of dollars earmarked for secret schemes to boost the government's image at home and abroad.

When the news began to leak the department was disbanded and Mulder — by then Minister for Plural (black) Relations — was forced to quit the cabinet and resign his seat in parliament. His bombshell statement to the press came as opposition parties in parliament prepared an unprecedented campaign to impeach Vorster.

The first move will come with presentation of a parliamentary petition today asking the speaker of the House of Assembly (lower house) to set up a committee to consider the president's conduct. If the petition attracts the required 30 signatures — which the opposition concedes is unlikely, at least in the short term, the committee would report its findings to the whole of parliament, which would then decide whether to remove the president from office.

# Malloum resigns as Chad president

LONDON (AP). — President Félix Malloum of Chad and his prime minister, the former rebel leader Hissene Habre, have resigned, and their political opponents are preparing a new transitional regime, according to a Nigerian broadcast monitored here yesterday.

Another source, which could not be checked, said Malloum is in Maiduguri, northeastern Nigeria.

Leaders of Chad factions are to meet in Kano, northern Nigeria, on April 1, to discuss forming an administration that would govern the country for six months, according to the radio report. It said Malloum and Habre would not be participating.

# India to get enriched uranium from America

WASHINGTON (AP). — Reversing a stand it took nearly a year ago, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved a shipment of eight tons of enriched uranium to India.

President Jimmy Carter's administration has been trying to prevent the spread of nuclear material that can be fashioned into weapons, especially plutonium extracted from the burned-out uranium fuel of reactors that make nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

PARADE. — Greece yesterday celebrated the 158th anniversary of independence from Ottoman Turkish rule with a giant military parade in Athens.

# China protests to U.S. over Taiwan bills

WASHINGTON (UPI). — China has delivered its first protest to the U.S. since the two countries opened diplomatic ties on January 1, according to "The Washington Post."

The paper reported on Saturday that an official New China News Agency dispatch said that Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua told U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock on March 16 that bills passed in the House and Senate dealing with Taiwan were "unacceptable to the Chinese government."

A State Department spokesman confirmed that the protest had been delivered, but added no further comment.

The "Post" said the story criticized a clause recognizing the existence of a separate government on Taiwan and barring Peking from taking over property of Taiwan's former embassy in Washington.

Huang told Woodcock, "If the bills are passed as they are worded now, and are signed into law, great harm will be done to the new relationship that has just been established between China and the U.S."

Huang told Woodcock the bills passed by Congress "contravene the principles agreed upon by the two sides" when Washington and Peking announced their formula for ending 30 years of diplomatic estrangement, according to the "Post." It said the Chinese news agency singled out language in the Senate bill declaring continued U.S. capacity "to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or social or economic system of the people of Taiwan."

# Vietnam accuses China of new artillery attacks

BANGKOK (AP). — Vietnam accused China yesterday of launching fresh artillery attacks on Vietnamese territory and occupying 12 new positions, some "well inside Vietnam."

A Vietnam news agency broadcast, quoting an article in the Communist Party newspaper "Nhan Dan," said "Chinese troops have in recent days occupied many more areas of Vietnamese territory."

"Now they are holding more than 30 positions and areas as against an earlier total of 18, some of these lying well inside Vietnam," the broadcast mentioned in Bangkok said.

The article repeated Vietnamese charges that China continues to concentrate troops on the Chinese side of the border and they are building fortifications along the border.

The article said China must "bear full responsibility" if peace negotiations cannot start in Hanoi on Thursday.

Vietnam's foreign ministry called last Wednesday for negotiations to begin in Hanoi this Thursday after China withdraws all forces behind the historical border between the two countries.

# U.S. senators ask Iran for assurance on future of Jews

WASHINGTON (JTA). — Nine Senators disclosed on Saturday they have asked Iranian Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan for assurances on the treatment of Jews and other minorities in Iran.

In a letter to the recently appointed leader of Iran's "revolutionary" government, the senators said they "recognize and appreciate the efforts your government has made here in Washington" to meet with representatives of the American Jewish community to discuss the future of that religious minority in Iran.

The senators said that while etatements by religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini before he returned to Iran from his exile in France provide "us with a most important source of assurance on this matter," they wanted reaffirmation of that position.

"We would welcome any comment or message of reassurance concerning your government's policy in this area, since it would address a fundamental and genuine concern felt by those we represent," they wrote.

Senator Donald Stewart originated the letter which was signed by Senators Jacob Javits, Birch Bayh, Howard Metzenbaum, Abraham Ribicoff, Richard Stone, Robert Dole, George McGovern and Carl Levin.

# American firms defray cost of state dinner

By MARTIN SCHRAM  
Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON. — White House representatives solicited U.S. corporation officials for contributions to help pay for tonight's state dinner honoring Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

The asking price — in some cases, in exchange for invitations to the dinner — was \$1,000 a plate.

Presidential spokesmen confirmed that corporations had been asked to help defray the government's expenses for the large dinner, to be held in a huge tent on the White House south lawn. The presidential spokesmen stressed that private funds had been used to defray the cost of state dinners in the past — at least in every administration going as far back as the Kennedys. But the president's spokesmen said they did not know whether private individuals had ever been asked specifically for funds in exchange for state dinner invitations.

"Obviously, if you ask people to contribute you're going to ask them to participate in some way," said White House press secretary Jody Powell. He added that the White House will make public a list of the contributors.

America's leading corporations were asked to contribute funds to help defray the cost of the recent Kennedy Centre gala honoring China's Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. And the White House provided a list of the contributors — 150 of the corporate who's who in America, including Allied Chemical, Bank of America, Bethlehem Steel, Coca-Cola, Deere and Co., Ford Motor Co., and others.

There is also a precedent for private funds being contributed to the White House on things that have nothing to do with dining or entertainment. In the Kennedy years, the White House was furnished with antiques provided by private contributions and in the Ford years, a White House swimming pool was built with private funds.

According to the White House spokesmen, the effort to solicit corporation executives for contributions to tonight's dinner was headed by Lee Kling, who is now a private citizen but who formerly served as assistant to Robert Strauss, when Strauss was President Jimmy Carter's chief inflation fighter. Kling previously served as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee under Strauss.

On one occasion, according to a non-government source, a New York businessman received a telephone call from a person who identified himself as "Carol Carlyle" and said she was from "the White House protocol office." The caller is said to have asked the businessman if he would like to bring four guests to the state dinner in exchange for a \$5,000 contribution that would be used to help defray the federal government's cost for the dinner. (Actually, there is no such thing as the White House protocol office. There is the White House social office, which is handling the dinner, and there is the State Department office of protocol, which coordinates all state dinners and pays for them.)

According to Powell, the idea of asking for contributions to defray the government expense originated during a discussion involving White House social secretary Gretchen Poston, who is in charge of planning for the dinner, and Kling.

The dinner — an historic event commemorating the signing of a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel — will be larger than past state dinners. So the two thought private individuals might be willing to contribute.



U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale offers the microphone to President Anwar Sadat to make his arrival remarks at Andrews Air Force Base on Saturday. In the center is Mrs. Jihan Sadat. (UPI telephoto)

# Saudi Arabia expects oil prices to rise

JIDDA (AP). — Saudi Arabia's oil minister, taking note of the abrupt fall of Iranian supplies, said yesterday that he expected oil prices to continue to rise even without a formal decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani was quoted by the Saudi daily "Okaz" as saying that Saudi Arabia would not bring pressure on the OPEC meeting in Geneva today to formally raise oil prices, because this would not be in the interest of world economic stability.

But, he added, the situation brought on by the two-month cutoff of Iranian oil exports "leads us to expect prices to continue to rise, not because of any decision by OPEC, but because of the prevailing situation."

In Baghdad, meanwhile, Iraq's oil minister Fayez Abdul-Karim told reporters before leaving for Geneva that he hoped OPEC would adopt measures to end windfall profits by major oil companies, and also to protect the income of oil producers from the inroads of imported inflation.

# Egypt introspective

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tober, just after the Camp David agreements.

Unless Saudi Arabia cancels all its assistance to Egypt, however, which is viewed here as very unlikely, it appears that there is very little the other Arabs can actually do to harm Egypt.

Only about 7 per cent of Egypt's international trade is with other Arab countries, and much of that is with friendly, supportive Sudan. In addition, most of Egypt's sources of precious foreign currency earnings — the Suez Canal, tourism, oil, cotton — are independent of the other Arabs.

One big component, estimated by \$1.2b. or 29 per cent of all hard currency earnings last year, is the remittance sent home by Egyptian workers in other Arab countries. Loss of that would be a serious economic blow, and the sudden return of all those workers would be disruptive here. But the Egyptian seem confident that the other countries cannot do without the Egyptian expatriate workers who staff their schools, hospitals, insurance companies, banks and hotels.

"What can they do to us?" a prominent official here asked about the other Arabs. "If I lack one of our planes, firebomb some of our consulates? It's not a problem."

But that does not address the question of Saudi Arabia.

Estimates vary widely on the actual amount of Saudi aid to Egypt. According to Ibrahim Nafie, economics editor of the Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram," aid from all Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia amounted to only 4 per cent of Egypt's hard currency income last year.

Direct cash assistance from the Saudis reached \$1.7b. in 1977, but has dropped under \$1b. in other recent years, and except on military expenditure is less critical than it used to be. The Saudis contributed heavily to the \$2b. Gulf Organization for the development of Egypt, which played an essential part in helping Egypt overcome a short-term debt crisis in 1977, but their only additional con-

tribution last year was to roll over more than \$100m. in interest payments, according to well-placed economic sources. They have made no new aid commitments aside from military assistance since the beginning of last year.

Though heavily dependent on Western aid and credits, forbalance its budget and incapability of cutting its deficit enough to satisfy the International Monetary Fund, Egypt is paying its bills on time and approaching economic equilibrium after years of desperation.

What Egypt hopes for now is more aid from the West and Japan and more private investment, attracted by the stability of peace, to help deal with its internal needs.

If it seems likely, the Saudis follow their past practice of supporting the Egyptian economy by providing militarily even as they join Saudi critics in their public condemnation of Egypt can withstand the collective action of the other Arabs — even if there was any realistic prospect for the other Arabs could agree upon and enforce, effective measures.

The betting here is that the Saudis will help keep Sadat afloat, despite their disapproval of the treaty. Egypt of Saudi political support over the treaty, however, could leave Sadat in an uncomfortable position.

What Sadat needs now is some cooperation from Jordan and the Palestinians if his claim to have administered territories is to have any credibility — but unless the Saudis prod them along he is unlikely to get their help.

To achieve that, Sadat needs to be able to show in the future negotiations with the Palestinians what Hassan called "the natural leadership" of the Arab world. The Sudanese will impose itself and the Egyptian come when the majority of Arab states will move closer to political line. "Whether that can be achieved is the big question hanging like a cloud over the long-awaited arrival of peace."

# London men get top rating in bed

LONDON (Reuter). — A girl looking for a lover in Britain should start the hunt in London. London men are sexier in bed than men elsewhere in the country, according to a women's magazine survey.

They are also more conscientious about contraception and less likely to object if a bride is not a virgin. But they may have amply feet and smoke too much.

"Women's World" said men in the English Midlands are uninventive lovers and watch too much television. Men in the northeast buy few underpants and deodorants and hardly ever use shampoo.

Scotsmen buy more suits than any other British males. But when they take girls out, they usually drag them to a football match.

# Musical rescue planned for dolphins

TOKYO (AP). — Two American environmentalists will try to use electronic sound to repel dolphins from Iki Island in southern Japan, where a dolphin slaughter by fishermen last year caused international criticism, says Japan's Kyodo News Service.

Jim Norman and Russell Frehling were sent by the American branch of the World Wildlife Fund, the Greenpeace Foundation and other groups. They plan to use a special synthesizer to play electronic music. They hope the sound waves will confuse and repel the dolphins, which use sound waves to search for food, the agency reported.

Last year, some 1,000 dolphins were slaughtered by local fishermen, who claim the dolphins were seriously harming their livelihood by eating cuttlefish and other valuable food fish.

Despite the killing, large schools of dolphins have appeared off Iki again this year, and fishermen have been capturing them alive, Kyodo said.

# Kidnappers give hostages more time

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP). — The kidnappers of two British bankers and a Japanese executive said over the weekend they have extended the deadline for their demands to be met.

The National Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARN) has threatened to kill the three hostages. The group distributed a clandestine communique to news organizations, but the message did not say how much time would be allowed before the captives are killed.

The group claimed responsibility for killing honorary Israel consul Ernesto Liebes last Wednesday.

The FARN demands ransoms, publication of anti-government manifestoes and the release of political prisoners in exchange for release of the three.

Jan Masale and Michael Chatterton were kidnapped last November. They were employed at the Bank of London and South America, a subsidiary of Lloyd's International Bank, Ltd. Takakazu Suzuki of Japan was captured one week later.

# Pope prays for success of peace treaty

VATICAN CITY. — Pope John Paul II said yesterday that he prayed the peace treaty to be signed today between Israel and Egypt would lead to peace throughout the Middle East.

"What we all hope is that for the entire region of the Middle East, in the respect of rights and welfare of all those peoples, fraternity and peace reign once more in the land where Jesus was born and lived," the pontiff told 60,000 worshippers at St. Peter's Square at his Sunday blessing.

The former cardinal Karol Wojtyla, who was archbishop of Krakow in Poland before being elected pope last October, also took advantage of the Roman Catholic festival of the Annunciation to officially announce his trip to Poland next June 2-10.

Church sources have said the papal visit to Poland was approved by Polish officials only after the Vatican assured them there would be no references to political matters during John Paul's eight-day stay. (Reuter, UPI)

# Light in U.S. sky was probably a meteor

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — A bright light resembling a meteor was observed on Saturday night over at least five of the western United States by airline pilots and civilians.

Pilots reported the sightings to air traffic controllers in Fremont, California; Reno, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah, Federal Aviation Administration officials said. Pilots flying over Idaho and Colorado also saw the brilliant light.

The object remained visible for 60 to 90 seconds and travelled from south to north or northeast, various observers reported. Some witnesses said they saw a comet-like tail.

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Belgian soccer team due here

By PAUL KORN Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Belgian Olympic soccer team will arrive here tomorrow for the Olympic qualifying match against Israel at the Ramat Gan stadium on Wednesday.

1980 Olympics threatened by South African rugby tour

LONDON. — A twin threat to the 1980 Moscow Olympics emerged from a familiar quarter last week. It promises to pose a tricky diplomatic problem for the Soviet hosts.



The oldest runner at Saturday's 10 km. Mount Tahor run, Gedalia Kozlovski, 86, from Ramat Gan, poses with his great-grandson, Alon Brenner, one of the youngest runners.

Ali retires—again

By ENRICO JACOMINI Associated Press SAINT VINCENT, Italy. — World Boxing Association heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali came to this north Italian alpine resort on Friday to see the man he beat for his first great success in the Rome Olympics, and said time for boxing had come to an end for him.

Hockey group plans tournament

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The year-old Israeli Hockey Association (IHA) is planning a 20-team seven-a-side tournament at the Tel Aviv University stadium early next month to wind up the 1978/79 season.

Borg defeated in U.S. tennis match

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AP). — John McEnroe, seeded third in the \$175,000 New Orleans Tennis Festival, rallied to beat second-seeded Bjorn Borg 6-7, 6-1, 7-4 with an 8-6 tiebreaker in the third set on Saturday night.

DIVING. Peter Rocca, Graham Smith and Parr Arvidsson won individual titles to power a charge-up University of California team to victory in the U.S. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) swimming and diving championships at Cleveland State University on Thursday night.

Soccer group to start drug checks

BERN, Switzerland (AP). — A select group of doctors, lawyers and soccer experts has been set up by the European Football Union, UEFA, to make spot doping checks before major European matches, the organization announced last week.

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Standing room only at 50 lectures in Jerusalem symposium
Fitting together the Einstein puzzle

By PHILIP GILLON/Jerusalem Post Reporter



One of the famous participants at the symposium, Nobel Laureate Chen N. Yang.

HOLTON added: "Into the same mould fitted his attention to the extra-scientific problems to which he devoted himself, such as peace, the fight for individual dignity and the need for a Jewish homeland."

"Historians and philosophers of science can now begin to see how the various parts of the Einstein puzzle fit together in an understandable and harmonious way."

The stereotype of Einstein was always that of a liberal, humane, benevolent but rather remote person — perhaps because of his own repeated statements that he was better at dealing with problems of nature than of peace, that he would have liked to have been a solitary lighthouse keeper.

A rather different picture emerged of what Sir Isiah Berlin, of Oxford University, described as "this rare genius and utterly good man."

Several great scientists who had gone timidly to Einstein for advice as unknown young men, spoke about his talent for putting people at ease, his warmth, his kindness, his simplicity. There was no limit to the help he would give others.

Professor Boris Schwarz, once first violin in the NBC-Toscanini Symphony Orchestra and for 35 years professor of music at Queens College, New York (a post Einstein got for him when he came to the U.S. as a refugee), described afternoons playing music at the Einstein home.

"He was an expert sight-reader," said Schwarz, "and played with a pure tone. He loved 18th-century music, because of its purity, grace and balance."

"After we played, he would sit at the table, enjoying Elsa Einstein's coffee and cookies. When Einstein enjoyed himself, he would laugh with clear, childlike laughter — very brief, but full of joy."

When the young Schwarz made his first public appearance in Berlin, Einstein insisted on lending him his own violin for a month because he thought Schwarz's was not good enough.

EINSTEIN'S ideas for physics, past and present, were considered by physicists and cosmologists, who looked out to the uttermost stars and into the tiniest sub-particle, "quarks," to have been right in many respects after having been derided for decades.

Nobel laureate Paul A.M. Dirac, of Florida State University, discussed Einstein's controversy with Niels Bohr about the interpretation of quantum mechanics. Einstein believed in a determinist interpretation: Bohr in a statistical one.

"Who was right?" Dirac asked. "A student today who wants to pass his examinations must accept Bohr's concept."

"On the other hand, quantum mechanics is not in its final form. I suspect that a more fundamental, as yet undiscovered deterministic theory may underlie quantum mechanics."

mechanics. In the long run, Einstein may be found to be correct in this matter as well as so many others."

Together with De Sitter, Einstein invented a cosmological model which, Dirac said, coincided with the "Big Bang" theory of how the universe was created, the theory at present generally accepted.

He expects certain results to become available within six months, which may provide a basis for the unification of gravitation and electromagnetism, "the very way that Einstein first suggested — and later rejected."

PROFESSOR YUVAL Ne'eman, professor of physics at Tel Aviv University, spent a patient hour explaining to me what was happening in the world of "quarks," the tiny sub-particles, and how the new discoveries may confirm some of Einstein's cherished, but discredited, ideas.

From the Twenties until he died, Einstein worked on the unification of gravitation and electromagnetism. He failed.

At the beginning of the Sixties, Ne'eman and Nobel laureate Murray Gell-Mann, professor of theoretical physics at the California Institute of Technology, and a participant in the symposium, suggested a new order for the minute particles then being discovered in the nucleus to which the name "quarks" was given.

In 1954, Nobel laureate Chen N. Yang, of the State University of New York, a participant in the symposium, and Mills had produced the Yang-Mills equation to explain "the strong interaction" — the "glue," — in the nucleus.

This equation was applied by a Professor Gerald T. Hooft, of the University of Utrecht, one of the stars of the symposium, in a very elegant way to explain what happens in the sub-atomic world.

The effect of it all is that Einstein's unification ideas are now very topical.

"I'm planning the symposium," said Ne'eman, "we thought that there could be no better way to honour his memory than to show that his dream is now very near to fulfillment."

Giving the final paper of the symposium, Gell-Mann said: "All of the work on higher unification is still on the level of speculation, but it is fascinating speculation."

"Pursuing these ideas and comparing out different approaches is the appropriate way for elementary physicists to celebrate the centennial of Einstein, the greatest theoretical physicist since Newton and one of the outstanding figures in the history of science."

In the many transitions from scherzo to trio and back. And the slow movement, adagio espressivo, was rather adagio depressivo as the conductor kept the orchestra at such a slow pace that all the tunefulness of this part got lost in the slow process of moving from note to note.

In the finale, the conductor centred himself mere or less to just beating time, and the performance degenerated into a race towards the goal which everybody reached together, but without much attention to musical fineries on the way, which was a pity, as the orchestra was in good shape and the conductor is undoubtedly a major figure on the rostrum and a fine musician.

HAIFA CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY. Subscription Concert No. 7. Israel Piano Trio, Moshe Broer, violin; Alexander Volkov, piano; Zvi Harel, cello; with Robin Weisel-Capouso, soprano (Beth Shearim, Haifa, March 27). Mozart: Trio in B flat Major, K. 562; Partos: "Fantasie" for Trio (1977); Beethoven: Seven Scottish Folk Songs, Op. 108; Schubert: Trio in B flat Major, Op. 99.

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Elizabeth Einstein after unveiling a plaque at the square named after her father-in-law.

THE JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Dir. Schmidt conducting. With Joseph Kalischstein, piano (Jerusalem Theatre — March 26). Repertoire: "Les Francs-Juges" Overture; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 2, Opus 21; Felix Mendelssohn: "Let Them Praise His Name in the Dance," Symphonic Dance (1957); Schumann: Symphony No. 2, Opus 46.

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To enable the audience to watch THE SIGNING CEREMONY of the ISRAEL-EGYPT PEACE TREATY

ON THE SATURDAY after Purim at a gathering of neighbours, my young hostess offered me some of the traditional Purim cakes known as omei Hamon, only these, she said, were filled with spinach. I hesitated for a second in taking one, but as she coaxed me that they were good, I tried one and indeed found them to be delicious.

This moved me to write about spinach, and the first thing I did when I got home was to look this plant up in a botanical lexicon. I learned that the native habitat stretched from the Caspian mountains east through Iran and from Afghanistan to southern India. This coincided with the kingdom of King Ahasuerus. Just as we eat the traditional omei Hamon in memory of Haman's wicked intrigues against the Jews of ancient Persia, it seems fitting then to eat spinach-filled ones, which, in sympathy with Jews in modern Iran, might be called omei Khameini.

Spinach (Spinacia oleracea or tered in Hebrew) is a member of the chenopodiaceae family. Neither the ancient Greeks nor Romans knew it although it was cultivated throughout ancient Persia. Its ancient Persian name, shumun, is still used in the markets of Afghanistan, Iran and former Turkistan.

Famous early Arab botanists such as Ibn al-Awem, and Ibn Baithar mention ispanach, or espanach, but there are no certain traces of its wandering. Many writers think that Arab merchants introduced this vegetable into Spain in the ninth century and that the name spinach comes from spinacia, i.e. "Spain."

Without doubt, it was in Spain that spinach was first cultivated in Europe and from there it spread throughout the world.

Spinach requires only ordinary garden care and now is the best time to sow it. Seed sown at the end of March will yield a harvest in May.

How to sow. Spinach doesn't do well in cold soil. It thrives best in sandy loam enriched with compost (not fresh cow manure) and a light addition of ammonia sulphate (100 grams per square metre).

Dig the ground well and rake it level. Sow in trenches 4-5 cm. deep with 30 cm. between rows. Firm the soil after sowing by treading on the closed trenches, then water. Seeds will germinate in 8-10 days. Thin to 10-15 cm. between plants. Hoe frequently between rows to get rid of weeds.

If you sow now, you will be able to pick your first spinach in the middle of May. If you sow much later, you will not have a good crop because during hot weather spinach may easily run to seed and thus become worthless as an edible vegetable. Spinach needs frequent watering — two or three times a week.

Spots on leaves. When plants are too close or in ground with poor drainage, yellow or grayish-brown spots appear on spinach leaves. Since we never use poison sprays or powders on edible plants, the only remedy is to remove contaminated leaves or whole plants.

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To keep birds away loosely fix strips of glittering light metal to a wire placed just above the plants. The plant I have described, spinacia oleracea, is true spinach, but there are many other plants that substitute well for it in the kitchen. All can be eaten raw.

New Zealand spinach (tetragonia expansa) has fleshy, brittle, angular leaves, which gladden as if covered by dew. This plant, a native of New Zealand, South America and the Far East, has been cultivated in the U.S. since 1826. It first appeared in Israel in Mandatory times, in the early 1930s.

A perennating grower, it will be ready for a first harvest 2 1/2 months after sowing. The tender succulent tips of its creeping stalks can be gathered all summer.

Soak the hard-shelled, pea-size seeds for 24 hours in lukewarm water. Plant 60-70 cm. apart and keep the ground moist. Creeping stems will soon cover the ground and even crawl over some borders and low fences. Year after year New Zealand spinach will renew itself by self-seeding and every April you will be able to gather your first harvest.

The broad leaves of Swiss chard (beta esculenta), known locally as selko, or of Chinese cabbage (brassica pekinensis, or krav sif in Hebrew) are often cooked like spinach, as are the leaves of endive (cichorium endivia) and sea, or leaf, lettuce (lactuca scariola, or in Hebrew, kosso oifim, hence in Arabic).

SPINACH SEEMS to have been a favourite dish among Jews for generations. Tereed is mentioned in several places in the Mishna.

During the siege of Jerusalem in 1948, the lack of vegetable and ingenuity led people to cook such wild plants as nettles (sipped in Hebrew) and mallow, known as hubesa in Hebrew and Arabic.

No culture on spinach would be complete without reference to its nutrition value. With all due respect to Popeye, this vegetable's food value has been overrated since much of the iron in spinach is not easily assimilated by the human body. But a serving of cooked spinach provides the average adult with 100 per cent of his minimum daily vitamin A requirement, 36 per cent of that for vitamin C and 28 per cent of the iron he needs. And it contains only about 20 calories.

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CULTIVATING CAPITALISM

MOSCOW (AP) — Doctrinaire Communists oppose the shift of free enterprise, but the government is distributing plots of land at the edge of cities and providing \$1,500 loans to urbanites who will raise their own fruit, vegetables, chickens and rabbits in an effort to stem a food shortage here.

Spring is in the air and private farmers are preparing their plots. The Sunday markets will fill with retired engineers and teachers selling berries, radishes and apples grown on their plots.

The programme has the solid backing of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, and the economic picture are indisputable.

Nearly a third of the country's meat, milk, vegetables and eggs and more than half of its potatoes already come from private enterprise on rural "private plots," which make up only about 4 per cent of the country's arable land.

The rural plots have fallen on hard days, with a lack of feed and supplies and rising farm wages tempting workers back to collective farms.

As many as 34.4 million families work these rural plots, deep in the countryside, but production is off. Now about 8.3 million city-dwelling families have joined them. They own the plots outright and can pass them on to their children.

Some use what they grow themselves, some pay a fee for permission to sell their fruits and vegetables in the free markets and others sell surplus produce to the state at official prices.

In Moscow alone, almost one out of 10 people spend vacations on these plots, according to the trade union newspaper "Trud," where they are allowed to build small dachas, or country houses, with the loans.

In this way the government also eases the pressure on cramped state recreational facilities.

But private plots have irritated Communist authorities since they were authorized by Stalin in the period of collectivization. Party conservatives argue that people give too much attention to their private holdings.

THE WAY TO PEACE

DRAFT RESOLUTION TO SUM UP THE KNESSET DEBATE ON THE ISRAEL-EGYPT PEACE AGREEMENT, MARCH 21, 1979

- The Knesset confirms the peace agreement with Egypt including all addenda, as a possible historical turning point in the relations between Israel and the Arab world, and as a first step towards a comprehensive peace settlement.
The Knesset affirms that the attainment of a stable and lasting peace will necessitate negotiations with all neighbouring Arab governments and with the Palestine Liberation Organization and any authorized representative of the Palestinian population in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, on the basis of mutual recognition and respecting the right of self-determination and the right to sovereignty and security of all parties.
The Knesset affirms that the peace with Egypt, based on the withdrawal of the Israeli army from the Sinai peninsula, in return for a peace treaty and military limitations, is the model that should be applied to the other territories occupied since the Six Day War.
The Knesset accepts with satisfaction the joint letter regarding Palestinian self-government, signed by the Prime Minister of Israel and the President of Egypt. The Knesset affirms that elections to the self-governing authority in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will be held not later than May 15, 1980. Prior to these elections, the population of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will enjoy freedom of expression, freedom of political organization, and freedom of peaceful assembly. The Knesset affirms that this self-government will constitute the first step towards realizing the right of self-determination of the Palestinian people, including their right to a state of their own on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip alongside the State of Israel, in peaceful coexistence with Israel.
The Knesset affirms that during the transition period, the Palestinian self-government authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will be in charge of law and justice, education, the economy, internal security, rural and urban planning, as well as all public services. The authority of the self-governing body will have jurisdiction over all residents of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, regardless of religion and nationality, all lands and all natural resources.
Joint matters such as water, electricity, and transportation will be coordinated between Israel and the self-governing authority, taking into consideration the needs of both sides.
As evidence of its intention to reach a comprehensive peace agreement, the Knesset affirms that as of March 21, 1979, all settlement activities in territories captured in the Six Day War will cease. Existing settlements will not be allowed to constitute obstacles to achieving a comprehensive peace.
The Knesset demands an immediate cessation to all repression, land appropriation, arbitrary arrests and provocations against Palestinians in the occupied territories by Israeli security forces and citizens. Settlements whose residents take part in such provocations will be dismantled forthwith.
Reconfirming that Jerusalem will remain Israel's eternal capital, the Knesset states that, in the future, as part of the overall peace process, Arab sovereignty may encompass East Jerusalem, but the municipal unity of the city will be maintained. During the transition period, residents of East Jerusalem will participate in elections to the self-governing authority.
The Knesset expresses its concern regarding the tendency to link Israel in a military pact with a foreign power. The Knesset opposes the establishment of foreign bases on Israeli soil and calls on the government to adopt a policy aimed at removing Israel and the entire Middle East from the super-power struggle.
The Knesset calls on all Arab governments and on the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept the idea of self-government during the transition period, in accordance with the above principles, as part of their political efforts to realize the right of self-determination of the Palestinian people alongside Israel at the end of the transition period and to attain a comprehensive peace settlement between Israel and the Arab world.

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Central Trade had IL160.7m. profit, up 132% on the year

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Central Trade and Investment Co. has announced its financial results for 1978, which indicate that after-tax net profits reached IL160.7m., a rise of 132 per cent over 1977.

results. The company has a 48 per cent interest in the Kitan textile concern. In 1978 Kitan's results, which showed up at a break-even point, were favourably assisted by the IL2m. monthly payment received from the government as part of its support programme to keep the Beit Shean plant from closing down.

Housing Ministry promises 5,000 flats for olim

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Construction and Housing Ministry has agreed to supply at least 5,000 immigrant flats to the Absorption Ministry in the new fiscal year. In addition, 5,000 government mortgages will be offered to olim who buy flats on the private market.

ministries agreed that if olim tops the projected 35,000 figure for the coming year, they will turn to the Finance Ministry for additional funding for flats and mortgages. They will study olim figures in August to see if the plan has to be updated.

Laws to curb business bribes needed, former income tax commissioner warns

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — With the coming of peace and the vast sums to be expended on military redeployment, the government should immediately pass laws designed to curb "improper payments," stated former Income Tax Commissioner Yitzhak Mann. Mann was being honoured in the wake of his appointment as Professor of Accounting at Bar-Ilan University at the 48th annual meeting of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants, held last week at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

payments made in various parts of the world by executives of the giant American airplane manufacturer, The Boeing Co., to the Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir. In his speech to the several hundred members of the Institute he expressed the hope that the loan part of the assistance being extended to Israel by the U.S. would be converted to an outright grant.



With its men's and women's high-fashion spectacle frames, Optim Company of Kibbutz Mishmarot claims that "fellows do indeed make passes at lassos who wear glasses."

Optical lenses reflect large growth in exports

By AARON SEITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Next month's jewellery and giftware fair in Tel Aviv will also play host to a smaller "fair within a fair." Amnon Altman, director of the Light Industries Division at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

ophthalmic products and optical instruments should reach \$21m., compared with \$3.1m. in 1977. These items are currently produced at 28 sophisticated plants throughout the country, most of them in kibbutzim. The products include eyeglass frames and lenses, contact lenses, microscopes and optical instruments for both professional, laboratory and industrial use.

Arkia threatens strike unless it gets rights to TA-Cairo flights

By BARUCH SAVILLE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Arkia ground personnel have warned they will demand the right for their inland airline to operate flights from Israel to Cairo. According to their spokesman they will impose sanctions unless this demand is met.

Kikar Levinsky Ltd. faces dissolution order

TEL AVIV (Him). — An order to dissolve the company responsible for construction of the stalled Tel Aviv bus station was issued last week by District Court Judge Hanna Esvener, three years after a request for such an order was first submitted.

Gov't offers 'generous' terms for Beduin to leave Negev airfield site

By HARRY WALL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The government intends to introduce a special law regarding compensation to Negev Beduin whose lands will be expropriated for the new airfield to be constructed east of Beersheba. The aim of the law is to provide special incentives so that the Beduin will peacefully evacuate the area in the next few months, before the Sinai military deployment gets underway.

Sir John Cohen, founder of Tesco, dies at 80

LONDON (JTA). — Sir John Cohen, the East End Jewish barrow boy who founded Britain's biggest supermarket chain, Tesco, died yesterday, aged 80. He was a household figure with his boxer's nose and his East End accent.



A commemorative coin honouring mothers of large families, bereaved mothers and working mothers, will be issued by the Bank of Israel on Independence Day.

COINS AND MEDALS
By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The past fortnight saw what could perhaps be described as the most active period in Israeli numismatics in many a year.

Yitzhak Moritz refuses appointment as head of Securities Authority

TEL AVIV. — Advocate Yitzhak Moritz, recently nominated by the Finance Minister to succeed Yitzhak Taub as head of the securities authority, has asked that his appointment be cancelled. Taub's term of office was due to end this month, but most observers expected that he would be renominated for another term.

Champagne sales hit record pace

PARIS (AP). — Champagne, the bubbly beverage that symbolizes festive occasions, sold at a record pace in 1978, hitting 185.9 million bottles worldwide. The bulk of it remained at home where wine-loving Frenchmen savoured 131.8 million bottles.

We Are Banking On Peace. Join Us. Advertisement for Bank Leumi.

Bank Leumi-A History and Bank Leumi-Today. Advertisement detailing the bank's background and services.

Table with columns for Name, Price, and List. Lists various coins and medals with their respective prices.

Economists warn of further inflation

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter
Bank of Israel economists claim that the latest price rise of essential products, the full employment in the Israeli economy, and the hike in taxes all combine to raise the rate of inflation.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Advertisement for a performance by Zubin Mehta and Nicole Lorang.

Bank Leumi advertisement with coupon for further information, including contact details for the manager.

Advertisement for the 'Sadat in Jerusalem' album, featuring a photo of Sadat and promotional text.

Advertisement for 'Sadat in Jerusalem' album, including pricing and contact information for the Jerusalem Post.



Commercial banks advance in mixed market

Trading turnovers rose appreciably as the share market turned in a mixed performance. The commercial bank sector was clearly ahead while mortgage banks, industrial and investment companies were mixed. Insurance and land development and real estate shares trended down. More than 11.7m. was traded. Covering debentures, reflecting the movement of underlying shares, were mixed. The volume of trading at 11.8m. was about twice that of Thursday.

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter movements were limited to plus or minus a handful of points. The two exceptions being Carmel (R) which fell by 20 to 310 and Ampal which lost 33 to 627.

Oil exploration of Pnz continued to trade unchanged at 138. Industrials reflected a mixed pattern. American Israel and Paper Mills continued to be the big percentage winners. The shares were "buyers only" and were marked up by 5 per cent to 761. The attendant options followed up and were established at 288. The company's 20 per cent debentures jumped by 15 to 235.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like Dev. & Mig. 18% deb. 87, Dev. & Mig. 19% deb. 84, Housing Mtg. b, etc.

Representative bond prices

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists bonds like Gov't development, Group 1, Yield: -1.70, etc.

New York Stock Exchange Closing prices - March 23

Table with columns: Closing price, Change. Lists Dow Jones Industrial Average: 859.75 - 1.56, Volume: 38,000,000, and various stock prices like Allied Chemical, Amer. Isr. Paper Mills, etc.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates - March 23

Table with columns: Rate, Bank of Israel. Lists rates for various currencies like US Dollar, British Pound, etc.

TRAVEL TRENDS

By BARUCH SAVILLE Post Travel Reporter U.S. TRAVEL INDUSTRY leaders have predicted a change by Americans to individual travel, away from the era of conventional tour packages with guides and fixed itineraries.

Most active shares

Table with columns: Share Name, Volume, Change. Lists Bank Leumi, Miralim, etc.

Alitalia's Far East flights via Israel to continue

By HAIM SHAPIRO Alitalia will not stop its flights from Ben-Gurion Airport to the Far East, Dr. Francesco Brancucci, the company's director for Israel told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Israel textile workers invited to Egypt

HAIFA (Him). - An Israeli textile workers' delegation has been invited to Egypt to take part in the world conference of textile and fabric workers to be held in July.

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### The American connection

THE PEACE TREATY that will be signed in Washington later today is not, as has been claimed, "Jimmy Carter's show." It is, in a real sense, the joint venture of the leaders of all three of the countries involved in the peace enterprise — Israel, Egypt, and the U.S.

Yet, there is some justice in Anwar Sadat's placement of the American President on a special pedestal. For without the active role undertaken, with a thrust of endless energy, by the U.S., it is doubtful whether Israelis and Egyptians would now have been ready for the ceremony in the big tent on the White House lawn.

This dependence on Uncle Sam's "good offices" as an "honest broker" and much more was not wholly inevitable, and it is in some measure a disappointment, even in retrospect. It is a pity that an initiative started by Egypt in protest against the superpowers' dithering tactics, and embraced by Israel as the long-sought opportunity for peacemaking through direct talks, should have had to be salvaged by a third party.

On the other hand, both Israel and Egypt were lucky to have found this third party in the U.S. Any other choice could only have been, to put it mildly, far worse — for Israel, for Egypt, and for the cause of peace.

Having helped bring the talks to a successful last-minute conclusion, the U.S. is now called upon to play an equally vital part in upholding and sustaining the resultant peace. Indeed it is more than likely that, even had Israel and Egypt been able to work out terms among themselves, without outside assistance, they still would have looked to the U.S. as guarantor.

Thus it is only the U.S. that may be counted upon to apply the necessary counter-pressure to prevent the structure of peace from buckling under the weight of the Arab Reactionists and their Soviet sponsors. America's main obligation, however, will be in assuring both Israel and Egypt that neither will suffer, and that the essential interests of both will be protected. Because Israel is the one that has had to give up the most tangible assets for peace, it is Israel, too, that has been making the heaviest claims on the U.S., and justifiably so.

The handling of these claims by the government has at times been fumbling. While precious time was wasted on argument over Article 8, the conclusion of an Israeli-American memorandum of understanding was threatened to be put off until after the signing of the treaty.

President Carter's personal interest is reported to have brought off agreement, again, at the last moment — just yesterday. This rates a sign of relief. Thus, for example, the U.S. has now reaffirmed its 1975 commitment to have no truck with the PLO until it had recognized Israel's right to exist.

It should not, however, come as a surprise if future disagreement between the two countries over the precise meaning of this or that provision in the "memorandum" is traced back to infelicitous phrasing in the rush against a deadline.

Worst bungled has been the matter of U.S. financial aid for the redeployment of Israel's armed forces upon withdrawal from Sinai.

Mr. Begin, in an unaccountable gesture of munificence, proposed at one stage that it should all be in the form of a loan. Scandalized, Finance Minister Ehrlich appealed, and President Carter agreed to convert part of the sink into an outright grant. And now Mr. Ehrlich must again try to improve the terms obtained by Defence Minister Weizman, whereby grant aid would be \$800m., while a mammoth \$2.2b. would still be a loan.

Yet despite these rough spots the fact remains that the Americans, too, have undertaken enormous responsibilities in making certain that this peace does not fail, and that it serves in due course as a model for the other Arab states.

To that extent it is indeed "Jimmy Carter's show."

# Architect of peace

HARRY HURWITZ attributes the success of the peace negotiations to the firmness, perseverance and patience of Prime Minister Begin.



(Rubinger)

wanted to disengage from the peace process, and some still hope that this may be possible even now. They do not trust the other side and argue that, by offering Egypt sovereignty in Sinai, the Israel government has paid too high a price and endangered, by precedent, the Jewish people's right to parts of Eretz Yisrael.

On the other hand, there were those who showed impatience with what was regarded as the slow pace of the negotiations, suggesting that Begin was "intransigent," an "obstacle to peace," etc. They urged more concessions and territorial sacrifices in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

IN THE FACE of this internal and external criticism, Begin stood his ground firmly and, with great perseverance and patience, succeeded in holding together the varying elements in his party, the Likud and the coalition over the difficult 90 months.

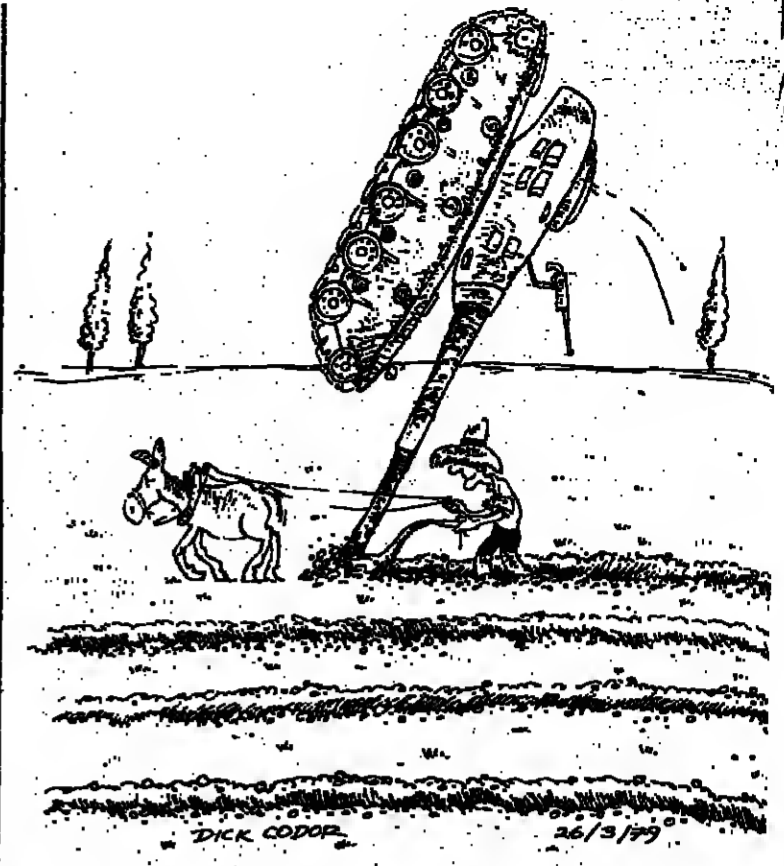
While constantly declaring his yearning for peace and his readiness to pay a price for it ("We do not deny that we are ready to make sacrifices for peace; we proclaim it!"), he made it abundantly clear that he would not agree to steps that would endanger the nation's security and be inconsistent with its national interest.

His stand frequently provoked warnings that it would lead to confrontation with the United States, even a reduction or withholding of economic and military aid. Indeed, at times relations with the U.S. were strained to the limit as the Israel government angrily rejected unjustified reprimands and defied calls from the highest quarters in Washington for actions it was not prepared to take.

Volume will be written about those 72 hours of tough negotiations during President Carter's momentous visits to Cairo and Jerusalem; about the seven problems that were still unresolved when the Americans arrived in Jerusalem and the gradual reduction of that number to six, then to five, four, three and — literally at the last minute before the Americans returned to Washington via Cairo — to only two, that were resolved after Carter accepted the Jerusalem version and the Israel cabinet overwhelmingly endorsed Begin's policy.

This phase of the negotiating process was primarily Begin's direct responsibility. It is because he had stood firm on principle that the Americans eventually abandoned their short-lived pro-Egyptian posture and reverted to a more even-handed approach.

They had come to the inescapable conclusion that nothing would be gained by trying to pressure Begin and his cabinet colleagues. Instead, they were more accommodating and understanding, and they resolved rather to persuade the Egyptian



DICK COOPER 26/3/79

leader that it was now his turn to act positively for peace.

In essence, the result of the presidential shuttle is:

• The peace treaty which is substantially based on the blue-print originally conceived and presented by Begin, with some variations in phrasing that do not alter or detract from the principles.

• Far from the threatened confrontation with the U.S., a new dimension in the relations between our two countries. This was reflected in the tone and content of Carter's and Begin's public addresses and statements.

• The possibility of a mutual defence pact has been mentioned. Begin has proposed that the Etzion air bases be placed at the disposal of the U.S.

There is presently detailed discussion of new levels of economic and military aid, and the U.S. has supplied Israel of 15 years of oil supplies if its other sources of supply (including those from Egypt) diminish or cease.

• Eretz Yisrael is intact. After all the complicated negotiations and the terminological exercises, Israel remains in control of all the areas which Begin has declared integral parts of Eretz Yisrael.

former Prime Minister Begin who believes, on the one hand, that the fact that the negotiations were so drawn out turned out to Israel's advantage.

"It is plain to anyone who follows political developments in Israel that Israel has it easier in Amman now than was the case 15 months ago. The prolonged nature of the talks did not at all hurt us because it established a previously lacking understanding of the Americans," he said.

From whichever vantage point looks at it, none can gainsay the fact that the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt is one of the most significant developments in the history of the state.

Of course, it was not easy to complete. Prime Minister Begin has to use all his negotiating skills to protect the principles that included his Zionist outlook. It was far from being a piece of cake, not to the mighty but, on the contrary, proudly upheld Israel's and honour.

Many factors have contributed to this peace which, undoubtedly every previous government sought but which, despite their efforts, eluded them.

Evidently it required what is called "the strong and courageous leadership of Prime Minister Begin to bring about the transition: war to peace in the case of Israel, Egypt and the unification of the 130 Knesset members behind government's policy.

The events of the past 90 weeks, especially the events of the past few weeks, are a great personal triumph for Prime Minister Begin, and of the Peace.

The author is the Prime Minister's Adviser on Information Affairs.

DURING President Carter's visit to Jerusalem, a foreign correspondent who was here to cover the event asked me what pressures were influencing Prime Minister Begin in his negotiating postures.

To avoid any misunderstanding about the word "pressures," I reminded the correspondent that on his return from Washington several days earlier, the prime minister had stated categorically: "There was no pressure in Washington; had there been, we would have rejected it. If there will be pressure here in Jerusalem, we will reject it."

We then agreed that what the correspondent was really after was to establish what factors or motives were influencing the prime minister's peace policy. I listed them as follows:

• A deep yearning for peace. It is Begin's most earnest desire to end the state of war between Israel and her Arab neighbours so that no Israeli — and no young man on the other side of the border — will be called upon to sacrifice his life on the battlefield again.

• Such military plans, redeployment of forces and other new arrangements as will assure security for the citizens of this country.

• The reaffirmation that Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district are integral parts of Eretz Yisrael.

Begin's dramatic peace initiative that began to evolve from the day the Likud won the Knesset election in May 1977, offered Egypt sovereignty in Sinai and proposed administrative autonomy to the Arab residents of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, but no territorial concessions in those areas.

These are the two essential elements of the prime minister's peace plan. Understandably, they cause — and still cause — confusion, misunderstanding and soul-searching in and outside the country. In the coalition and the opposition, within the factions of the Likud and even within Begin's own Herut Party.

Peace entailed a wide-ranging psychological change that not everyone was yet ready or willing to accept. There were those who

## PAINFUL PATH AHEAD

Post Washington Correspondent WOLF BLITZER examines the continuing differences between the U.S. and Israel over new settlements in

the territories and points to the "difficult" negotiations over autonomy that will follow the peace agreement with Egypt.

WASHINGTON — The controversial matter of new Israeli settlements on the West Bank has again come to plague U.S. Israeli relations, even as the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty is signed at the White House.

Publicly, President Jimmy Carter and his senior advisers want to push the issue into the background. It is, without doubt, one of the most sensitive running disputes between Washington and Jerusalem.

The Americans, therefore, are not raising it now because they fear it will upset events surrounding the historic signing ceremony.

But privately they are furious. As the final arrangements for the signing were concluded over the weekend, Carter was described as barely able in private to conceal his anger over Israel's policy of announcing new settlements almost every day, since December 17, when the three-month post-Camp David freeze on new settlements ended.

While Carter and his aides regard this Israeli policy as "provocative" and "unnecessary," they did not raise it directly with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, either during Begin's visit to Washington in early March nor during the subsequent Carter-Begin talks in Jerusalem.

But now the Americans believe that this was probably a mistake. By remaining silent in the face of Israeli settlement announcements and actions, administration officials fear that Begin may have misread the U.S. stance.

This became painfully apparent to the White House following reports from American Jewish leaders who had met Begin in New York and Jerusalem.

Begin noted, according to these accounts, that Carter had not once raised the issue of new Jewish settlements during their most recent meetings.

One Jewish leader told the White House that Begin had apparently interpreted this "silence" as representing a possible change in U.S. policy.

Begin had come to believe that the administration might be moving away from its hard line opposition to the settlements in the face of Israel's refusal to budge.

BUT White House sources told me that if Begin had indeed come to this conclusion, "he was dead wrong. Our position remains the same."

The prime minister, the sources said, must have been indulging in some "wishful thinking."

This must be seen as the background to the administration's decision, taken at the highest level, to abstain during a crucial vote on March 22 at the UN Security Council.

By refusing to cast its veto, the U.S. allowed the council to approve a resolution creating a three-member commission to look into the situation of Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

Israel officials in the U.S. were angered by America's move. They argued that the introduction of such a UN-sponsored commission would merely complicate efforts to implement the Camp David framework agreement and the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Before the vote, Israel Embassy officials in Washington had informed the State Department and the White House in blunt terms that this was a matter of "great importance" and that they expected the U.S. to follow its earlier policy of using the veto.

U.S. officials said they had abstained because sponsors of the resolution, led by Jordan, had agreed to tone down some of the language. Israel rejected this explanation and so informed the Americans.

What was particularly irritating to Israel officials was the timing of the U.S. abstention — coming as it did on the eve of the peace treaty signing.

SINCE THEN, Israel has announced that it will not cooperate with the proposed commission, members of which will be selected by the council president. The resolution calls for a

final report to be prepared and submitted to the council by July 1.

It was clear that the U.S. abstention was designed to send a double-barrelled signal: one to Israel, the other to the Arabs.

To Israel, the administration was repeating in a concrete manner that the U.S. still regards the establishment of new settlements as "contrary to international law" and "obstacles" to peace. If some Israeli officials, including Begin, had any other illusions, the vote was sure to set them straight.

To the Arabs, the administration was seeking to offer reassurance that the U.S. will continue to press hard for the establishment of "full autonomy" for the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the proposed five-year interim period leading to the determination of the "final status" of these areas.

THE LATEST settlement dispute has touched a particularly sensitive nerve in Carter. He still believes that Begin and the Israeli government backed out of a commitment at Camp David to freeze new settlement construction beyond the December 17 deadline for the signing of the peace treaty.

Since then, the "misunderstanding" between Carter and Begin has not been resolved satisfactorily. And, unfortunately, the problem of settlements will not be the only irritant in U.S.-Israeli relations after the signing of the peace treaty: The proposed negotiations on the autonomy plan, as has been said by many observers, will be painful and difficult. No one has any illusions about that.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### ALARMING SITUATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am concerned about the situation in the West Bank where I see an alarming increase in the number of incidents involving settlers brandishing their weapons in towns and on the highways. These vigilantes are apparently taking the law into their own hands.

These incidents underline the fact that the Military Government is being intimidated by the settlers. It is time for the Military Government to demonstrate that it is firmly in control by disarming and arresting settlers who make menacing use of their weapons.

WALTER BEERLE  
Kibbutz Misra.

#### JEWISH CELEBRATION OF PEACE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I would like to make the following suggestions for a Jewish celebration of peace:

1. Attend synagogue with your family for *Maariv*.
2. Light a candle at the nearest soldiers' memorial on the way home.
3. Give to charity. A Jew can better celebrate when others are taken care of and, according to the Talmud, it bestows the Redemption.
4. Plant a tree — fig tree or olive, symbols of peace.
5. Keep an alert vigil. Let no terrorist shatter our dreams.
6. Celebrate with the family at home. Take time to teach your children by example that peace means a great deal to us.
7. Visit with families who have suffered a lot. Let them know that we too feel their hurt at this time.
8. Take some positive personal step towards understanding our Arab citizens and neighbours. For example, read a book on Arab history, culture or religion, or begin to learn Arabic.

In short, Monday evening may be a unique moment in history. It is up to us to make it a Jewish moment.

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